



Town of Garrett Park
PO Box 84
4600 Waverly Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council
Public Teleconference

Town Council Meeting: May 10, 2021

MINUTES

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Councilmembers (7:35 PM) – With Mayor Kacky officiating, Councilmembers Dona Dobosz, Stephen Paczkowski, and Phil Schulp took the Oath of Office.

Call to Order (7:39 PM) – Mayor Kacky called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM. Present on the call were Councilmembers Gerilee Bennett, Dona Dobosz, Mario Grande, Stephen Paczkowski, and Phil Schulp. Also on the call were Town Manager Andrea Fox, Town Assistant Elizabeth Henley, Bugle Reporter Ed Lincoln, and approximately four residents.

Approval of Agenda (7:40 PM) – Councilmember Paczkowski added the agenda item Thrive Montgomery 2050 / ZTA 20-07. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes (7:43 PM) – The April 12, 2021 Town Council Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Presentation by Residents (7:44 PM) – There were no presentations by residents.

Action (7:44 PM)

- *Adoption of Ordinance 2021-4, FY22 Budget* – Mayor Kacky and Town Manager Fox. There was discussion about increasing the Capital budget and the increased operations expenses over time. Councilmember Grande moved to adopt the ordinance and it was adopted 4-1.

New Business (8:08 PM)

- *Town Council Meeting Summer Hiatus* – Mayor Kacky. Mayor Kacky and Council agreed to take a recess for the month of August.

Town Updates (8:09 PM)

- *SRTS* – Mayor Kacky. Remaining SRTS tasks include a second ADA inspection for compliance of sidewalks and ramps; negotiations to reconcile the budget; the assessment of liquidated damages (approximately \$7,000); and a State document audit review.
- *Train Horn* – Councilmember Schulp. Train horn survey results were sent to Mayor Kacky and Council for review. Councilmember Schulp would like to close this issue, as most residents were not bothered by the train noise.

- *Arboretum & Porcupine Woods Restoration Project – Councilmember Bennett.* The Clermont stair entrance to Porcupine Woods was rebuilt and trees were planted by the entrance. Spring planting is happening now, the pruning/removal list is being developed, and the RFP for tree services is on the website.
- *Strathmore Redevelopment – Councilmember Bennett.* The developer submitted a re-zoning application to the County, but a hearing has not been scheduled. A local committee is drafting a letter for Mayor Kacky to send the developer, Academy, and SHA that will outline the Town's concerns and get them on record. The property is under contract but is not sold until the permits are approved.
- *Stormwater – Councilmember Schulp.* Phase I of the Rokeby project (the topographical survey) is complete. The next phase is the erosion mitigation work, and phase III is widening the storm pipe or installing a pedestrian bridge at the bike path.
- *Town Hall – Councilmember Paczkowski.* The potential town hall schemes that were presented to residents a few weeks ago were reviewed. The next step is to draft an RFP for an architectural firm to provide concept drawings for potential options and cost estimates.
- *Thrive Montgomery 2050 / ZTA 20-07 – Councilmember Paczkowski* provided a brief overview of the draft plans by the County Council's Planning Board. The County Council hearing is June 17th at 7:00 PM.
- *Archives – Councilmember Grande.* (Contract) Town Archivist Claire McDonald is having old handwritten letters transcribed, including old notes from the Garrett Park Womens Club from the 1930s and 1940s.

Town Managers Financial Report & Town Manager's Report (8:48 PM) – Town Manager Fox summarized the April Financial Report and Town Manager Report

Mayor Kacky adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.



Signed,

Andrea Fox

Andrea Fox, Clerk Treasurer